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1. DURING MARCH 26 CALL ON MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS "SECRETARY GENERAL" (AND DE FACTO AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTER) WAHEED ABDULLAH, AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD THAT THE AFGHANS ARE READY TO FORMALIZE RATIFICATION OF THE 1973 HELMAND WATERS TREATY BY MEANS OF AN EXCHANGE OF DOCUMENTS WITH IRAN. ACCORDING TO ABDULLAH, THE IRANIANS HAVE BEEN APPRISED OF THE PRESENT AFGHAN POSITION, BUT HE DID NOT SAY WHAT, IF ANY, RESPONSE THEY HAVE GIVEN.

2. ABDULLAH WENT ON TO COMPLAIN THAT THE IRANIANS HAD NOT BEEN "FORTHCOMING" WITH PROMISED FUNDS FOR THE TEXTILE AND CEMENT PLANTS IN KANDAHAR. WHEN BILLS HAVE COME DUE THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT HAD TO PICK UP THE TABS. IN ABDULLAH'S ASSESSMENT, THIS IRANIAN FOOT-DRAGGING HAS BEEN CAUSED BY TEHRAN'S ANGER OVER AFGHANISTAN'S PROJECTED
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CONSTRUCTION OF THE KAMAL KHAN DAM.

3. COMMENT: ABDULLAH'S REMARKS ESSENTIALLY REPEAT THE THEME HE PUT FORTH TWO MONTHS AGO (REEFTEL A), BUT HE CARRIES THE ARGUMENT ONE STEP FORWARD WITH HIS IMPLICATION THAT THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT -- IN CONTRAST JUST TO

POLEMICS IN THE IRANIAN PRESS -- ACTUALLY HAS SOUGHT
TO PRESSURE AFGHANISTAN BY WITHHOLDING
PROMISED DEVELOPMENT FUNDS.
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